

with an impressive 10 to 0 victory. The Waipio team then represented the U.S. in the International Championship game against Japan. Although Japan came out ahead that day, the Waipio team kept the fans cheering and chanting "U.S.A." through the game's conclusion.

I am thrilled that our hometown teams are continuing Hawaii's tradition of Little League success and honorable sportsmanship. Americans across the country are proud of the effort and spirit displayed by these young players. While the practices, training, and games are an important part in the team's success, the coaches, parents and the community serve vital roles in supporting the team.

On behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District of Hawai'i, I extend my congratulations to 2010 Little League World Series National Champions, the Waipio Baseball team, for their amazing achievements throughout the season.

IN HONOR OF JOHN FISCHER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of John Fischer, who passed away recently at the age of 81. I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize his long public service in the California Central Coast community that I represent.

John was born and raised on the east coast, graduating from the University of Maryland with a degree in physics. He was a long time member of Mensa, which accepts only persons who test in the top two percent of our nation in intelligence. John was in the top .01 percent. He moved to Los Angeles and worked for the Los Angeles Fire Department for nearly a decade. During that time he assisted the Los Angeles Police Department on the task force that took part in solving the Hillside Strangler case. He later worked for the LAPD, and then for the Los Angeles City Library.

In 1989, John moved to Pacific Grove and immediately became a frequent speaker at City Council and other public meetings, advocating for environmental issues. John had a gift for explaining difficult concepts in simple terms that made complex topics understandable. His discourse was not only informative, but always polite, even in heated disagreements.

I never saw him without his snowy owl pendant, and even his license plate, "Snowy," proclaimed his love of and care for the natural world. In his twenty-one years in our community, he contributed a lot of time and effort to many organizations. He was a co-founder of EcoCorps with former Pacific Grove Mayor Sandy Koffman and her husband; he served as President and Trustee of Friends of the Sea Otter; he volunteered for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary in all its programs that monitor water quality, and also served for years on its Conservation Working Group. He volunteered for Pacific Grove's Monarch Habitat Restoration Committee, Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Advisory Committee, Economic Development Group, Housing Committee, Community Polic-

ing Advisory Committee, Traffic Commission, Crespi Pond Committee, and represented Pacific Grove on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Transportation Agency of Monterey County.

For his over 1,800 hours as a volunteer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium he was named a "Volunteer Emeritus." In 2005, the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation named him an Outstanding Volunteer. He received numerous accolades during his life for his many contributions.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in mourning the passing of this dedicated and loving man. His life was a gift to his community, a shining example to be emulated by those who he inspired to continue his work.

CONGRATULATING ICHIRO SUZUKI FOR BECOMING THE FIRST PLAYER IN THE HISTORY OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WITH AT LEAST 200 BASE HITS IN 10 CONSECUTIVE SEASONS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ichiro Suzuki for becoming the first player in the history of Major League Baseball with at least 200 base hits in 10 consecutive seasons. Ichiro is an outfielder for my hometown team, the Seattle Mariners. He came to the Mariners in 2001 after playing for nine years for the Orix Blue Wave in Japan.

On Thursday, September 23, 2010 Ichiro accomplished this record feat with a line-drive single to center field in the fifth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays. The only other player in MLB history with ten 200-hit seasons is Pete Rose, but Ichiro is the only player to ever accomplish this in consecutive seasons, demonstrating incredible athletic ability and consistency.

For the people of Seattle, and for baseball fans everywhere, I wish Ichiro Suzuki congratulations for this incredible accomplishment.

EMERGENCY MEDIC TRANSITION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. BEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3199—Emergency Medic Transition, EMT, Act. As an original cosponsor and co-author of this bill, I'm pleased that policy language I authored regarding reciprocity for military emergency medical technicians can be considered today. This provision establishes reciprocity between the armed services and states regarding certification for emergency medical technicians, EMTs.

In 2008, the State of Illinois passed legislation which allows military "EMT" training of an honorably discharged member of the armed forces to be considered as 'reciprocal' for its

licensure requirements. Working with Representatives HARMAN and HERSETH SANDLIN, I included a similar provision in H.R. 3199, The Emergency Medic Training, EMT, Act, a comprehensive bill that will assist our EMT vets with training, grants, and education opportunities when they arrive home.

The need for such direction to states remains necessary. Our men and women in uniform should be able to use their real-time training and education in the field to help those in emergencies here at home, without the cost and redundancy of retraining upon their return.

I want to thank Congresswomen HARMAN and HERSETH SANDLIN for their hard work and support of our returning EMTs as well as their efforts to bring the underlying bill to the floor. I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes."

HONORING PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. LoBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize America's professional truck drivers who serve our nation by delivering the clothes we wear, the food we eat, and the medicine we rely on.

This week, September 19–25, is designated National Truck Driver Appreciation Week and is set aside to honor the 3.4 million professional truck drivers in the United States. One out of every fifteen people across this country is employed in the trucking industry, making it one of our nation's largest employers.

Trucking is an industry that I am personally quite familiar with. Before getting into politics, I spent 26 years working in my family's trucking business. Early on, I acquired a Commercial Driver's License, which I still carry.

Trucking serves as the backbone of our economy, and is responsible for nearly 70 percent of the total U.S. freight tonnage. Over 80 percent of our nation's communities rely solely on the trucking industry for their goods and commodities.

The America's truck drivers are dedicated to keeping our highways safe. They follow stringent safety regulations, attend frequent training programs and educate the motoring public to help them drive safer around tractor-trailers.

America's truck drivers sacrifice precious time from their families, all the while, they deliver for ours. This week we pause to say thank you to them and to their families.

I salute these fine professionals and their families for the dedication they have to America and for delivering life's essentials safely and securely.

ON THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL LEASING OF NAVAJO NATION LANDS

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to enable Navajo Nation